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SUBJECT: ALEKSANDROV LETTER TO FLETCHER

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FEBRUARY 20 FROM INTERKOSMOS LETTER FROM PRESIDENT USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, ACADEMICIAN ALEKSANDROV, TO NASA ADMINISTRATOR DR. FLETCHER. LETTER NO. 10240/102 DATED FEBRUARY 20, EMBASSY ISSUED TO INTERKOSMOS RECEIPT NO. 952503. LETTER WAS POUCHED REGISTRY NUMBER 1907129.

2. CONTENTS OF LETTER FOLLOW CLOSELY DISCRIPTION GIVEN OF REPLY TO BE EXPECTED IN REFTEL, EXCEPT THAT RESPONSE AS TO DATES OF TALKS TO BE HELD IS LESS DEFINITE. ALEKSANDROV STATES THAT HE SHARES DR. FLETCHER'S OPINION ABOUT "IMPORTANCE TO JOINT COOPERATION OF LARGE PROJECTS SIMILAR TO ASTP, IN WHOSE REALIZATION TOOK PART LARGE TEAMS OF SCIENTISTS AND EXPERTS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES." HE CONTINUES: "AT THE SSAME TIME, I THINK, YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME, THAT THE SIZE OF SUCH PROJECTS AND THE COMMITENTS CONNECTED WITH THEM OF THE COUNTRIES DEMAND GREAT PREPARATORY WORK AND MANIFOLD ASSESSMENT FROM EACH ANGLE. REGRETFULLY, WE COULDN'T FINISH THIS PREPARATORY WORK EARLIER, AS WE HAD ORIGINALLY CONTEMPLATED. AFTER CONCLUSION OF THAT WORK WE SHALL WITHOUT DEALY INFORM YOU OF OUR READINESS TO CARRY OUT THE TALKS ON THE GIVEN SUBJECT. I AM CONFIDENT THAT ATHROUGH PRE-
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PARATION WILL BE CONDUCIVE TO THE SUCCESS OF THESE TALKS."

3. IN RESPONSE TO DR. FLETCHER'S STATEMENT THAT US-USSR COOPERATION OF WORKING GROUP ON NEAR-EARTH SPACE, MOON AND PLANETS APPEARS QUITE LIMITED, ACADEMICIAN ALEKSANDROV MENTIONS FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

A) JOINT EXPERIMENT ON CORRELATING GEOMAGNETIC OBSERVATIONS OF US SATELLITE ATS-6 AND SOVIET TERRESTRIAL STATIONS; B) US-USSR SEMINAR (END OF 1975 IN MOSCOW) ON INTERACTION OF SOLAR WIND WITH PLANETS; C) DELIVERY TO NASA OF REQUESTED DATA FROM SOVIET SPACE EQUIPMENT MARS 4 AND 5; D) DELIVERY TO NASA OF TELEVISION PANORAMAS BROADCAST FROM SURFACE OF VENUS BY STATIONS VENERA 9 AND 10; E) JOINT STUDIES OF MOON CONTINUING (ALTHOUGH ESTABLISHMENT OF FULL MOON MAP PROPOSED BY US HAS BEEN DROPPED). RESPONSE TO REQUEST OF MEETING OF EXPERTS IS IDENTICAL TO PARA 5 IN REFTEL.

4. RESPONSE TO FLETCHER COMMENTS ON SPACE METEOROLOGY IS SAME AS INDICATED IN PARA 6 OF REFTEL. SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED MATERIALS FROM US.
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